

## NATURAL GAME OF CHANCE

Bewitching Poker Holds that Proud  
Place Among the People of  
the United States.

As Common as Euchre, More Pop-  
ular than Whist, and Now  
Played Everywhere.

More Objections to Poker than any Other  
Social Game—The Cause of Many  
Embellishments.

It is the generally received opinion among the civilized nations of the world that the practice of gambling is an evil, not perhaps because of any intrinsic or inherent vice, but because of its pernicious effects and its bad influence upon the morals of the community, says the San Francisco Chronicle. So far is this idea general that there is and has been a great mass of legislation against gambling, nearly every country having statutes prohibiting it in one form or another.

Perhaps it is safe to say that the national American game of chance is poker. At all events it is certain that the game has come into favor to a very great extent within the past decade, and that many people play poker now, that is at home and for amusement, who ten years ago, knew nothing about the game and would have been shocked at the very mention of it. It has become quite as common as euchre, and is now played in almost all social gatherings and friendly parties; and it attracts no more attention to see a party of ladies and gentlemen playing poker than it would to see them playing any other game of cards.

And yet there are mere objections to be urged to poker as a social game than to any other which has ever been popular in the history of the world. The game cannot be played without betting something. It may be beans or chips or pennies or nickels, but there must be something bet or the game is not poker. This in itself is a fruitful source of danger to very many. There are those who are so constituted that there is danger to them in any and every kind of speculation. They become so absorbed in the game that they neglect everything else, and for these people the game of poker, whether the stakes be marbles or money, is injurious. It is what they like, for it supplies the excitement which they crave, but none the less, is harmful to them.

Another objection to poker as a social game, although it is not an ethical objection, is that it is in some degree a game of skill. The cards are not played; they are simply laid down, and the strongest hand wins. It is no more a game of skill than twirling a teetotum or matching pennies. When one talks about so-and-so being a good poker player, all he means is that he is a clever gambler as to the comparative strength of hands and he knows how to make shrewd conjectures as to what they will do but this is not skill at cards. It may be telegraphy or mind-reading or good guessing, but it is not skill in playing the game, for there is no skill in it.

But the greatest objection to poker in every way and under all circumstances is that the game is entirely too progressive. It begins at home, in the family circle, with beans for money, and ends with a forty-eight hours' seance, with the contents of an employer's safe as the poker player's capital. Obviously this is not stated as a universal proposition for poker is a popular diversion, but it is asserted with all possible confidence that there have been hundreds, if not thousands, of cases in the United States where the defaulter of embezzling poker player took his first lesson in the game under the most innocent conditions possible, and with no thought of harm to come. Poker players themselves are aware that there is a fascination about the game which no other kind of gambling possesses, and it is in this fascination that the danger lies.

Whenever society has taken up an amusement or pastime which is likely to degenerate and to become a source of danger to youth, it is nearly the duty of society to furnish such a remedy as is possible, in order to "put away the accursed thing." It is a duty which society owes to itself, and more especially to those who are most exposed to its danger. If, then, it be agreed that social gambling and especially social poker-playing tends to lower the standard of morality and to threaten the integrity of the youth and the future of the nation, society will have a grievous sin to answer for unless it disconveniences it and substitute for it some innocent kind of amusement.

Cronin not a dynamiter.

Cascaon, Dec. 22.—It has been charged that Dr. Cronin was a dynamiter. In refutation of this his friends have given out copies of a letter written by him in which he denounced the dynamite policy of the triangle as criminal, reckless and ineffective, and declaring in favor of parliamentary agitation. It was for this paper he was expelled as an alleged traitor to the Irish cause. Dan Coughlin was a member of the trial committee.

For chapped hands, roughness of the skin, pimples or blotches of any kind on the face, or other parts of the body, Dr. Dutard's Specific Powder, like medicine and is warranted by druggists. Sold by R. S. Hale & Co., wholesale and retail druggists, Helena.

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Continually on the strain, or overtaxed at intervals, is far less desirable than ordinary vigor perpetuated by rational diet and exercise, and abstention from excess. Professor H. H. Thompson, author of "A Woman's Face Is Her Fortune,"

Unsurpassed in the World.  
The vestibuled trains of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, running daily between St. Paul and Minneapolis and Milwaukee and Chicago, are the perfection of modern railway equipment and arrangements in the world. They consist of elegant day coaches, Pullman's latest and best sleeping cars and the finest dining cars in the country. These trains are lighted by electricity and heated by steam, and afford to the traveler every comfort and convenience to be had at the best hotels. The rates of the vestibuled trains are no higher than by other lines. It is for this reason that discriminating travelers patronize this company and insist that their tickets read over its line, as they naturally want the best service for their money.

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CONDENSED RAILWAY TIME TABLE	
Montana Central.	
DEPART.	
No. Paul, Atlantic ex. St. Paul and east.	11:35 a. m.
Montana Pacific ex. Butte and south.	4:00 p. m.
Helena and Butte ex. Butte and south.	8:15 a. m.
Marysville ex.	4:10 p. m.
Marysville ex.	7:00 p. m.
ARRIVE.	
No. Paul, Atlantic ex. Butte and south.	11:45 a. m.
Montana Pacific ex. St. Paul and east.	4:45 p. m.
Helena and Butte ex. Butte and south.	6:30 p. m.
Marysville ex.	10:45 a. m.
Marysville ex.	6:40 p. m.
DEPART.	
Through westbound	8:10 p. m.
Through eastbound	7:45 p. m.
Helena, Missoula and Butte ex.	7:45 a. m.
Montana Central	8:45 a. m.
Rimini accom., Mon., Wed. and Fri.	8:15 a. m.
Wicks and Boulder passenger	8:35 p. m.
Marysville accommodation	9:40 a. m.
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Rimini accom., Mon., Wed. and Fri.	8:15 a. m.
Wicks and Boulder passenger	8:35 p. m.
Marysville accommodation	9:40 a. m.
UNION PACIFIC.	
DEPART.	
For all points east, south and west, via Montana Central and Butte	4:00 p. m.
Via Northern Pacific and Garrison	3:15 p. m.
ARRIVE.	
From all points east, south and west, via Butte and Montana Central	11:25 a. m.
Via Garrison and Northern Pacific	12:30 p. m.

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The monthly Four Dollar Drawing will be held

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## CAPITAL PRIZE, \$60,000!

80,000 Tickets at \$4, \$320,000.

2,276 Prizes, Amounting to \$178,500.

Price of Tickets, American Money.

Wholes, \$4; Halves, \$2; Quarters, \$1.

LIST OF PRIZES.

1 Capital Prize	\$20,000	\$8,000
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1 Grand Prize	2,000	2,000
2 Prizes of	1,000	800
2 Prizes of	500	400
20 Prizes of	200	4,000
200 Prizes of	100	10,000
200 Prizes of	50	17,000
254 Prizes of	25	11,000
APPROXIMATION PRIZES.		
Prizes of \$60,000 approximation to	\$60,000	Prize \$ 9,000
Prizes of \$50,000 approximation to	\$50,000	Prize 7,500
Prizes of \$40,000 approximation to	\$40,000	Prize 6,000
Prizes of \$30,000 approximation to	\$30,000	Prize 5,000
Prizes of \$20,000 approximation to	\$20,000	Prize 4,000
Prizes of \$10,000 approximation to	\$10,000	Prize 2,000
Prizes of \$5,000 approximation to	\$5,000	Prize 1,000
Prizes of \$2,000 approximation to	\$2,000	Prize 500
Prizes of \$1,000 approximation to	\$1,000	Prize 200
Prizes of \$500 approximation to	\$500	Prize 100
Prizes of \$250 approximation to	\$250	Prize 50
Prizes of \$125 approximation to	\$125	Prize 25
Prizes of \$62 approximation to	\$62	Prize 12
Prizes of \$31 approximation to	\$31	Prize 6
Prizes of \$15 approximation to	\$15	Prize 3
Prizes of \$7.50 approximation to	\$7.50	Prize 1.50
Prizes of \$3.75 approximation to	\$3.75	Prize .75
Prizes of \$1.87 approximation to	\$1.87	Prize .37
Prizes of \$0.93 approximation to	\$0.93	Prize .18
Prizes of \$0.46 approximation to	\$0.46	Prize .09
Prizes of \$0.23 approximation to	\$0.23	Prize .04
Prizes of \$0.11 approximation to	\$0.11	Prize .02
Prizes of \$0.05 approximation to	\$0.05	Prize .01
All prizes sold in the United States full paid in United States currency.		
Sold by R. S. Hale & Co., wholesale and retail agents, 83 Chambers St., New York.		

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By terms of contract the company must deposit the sum of all prizes included in the scheme for selling each ticket, and receive the following official permit:

CERTIFICATE. I hereby certify that the London Bank of Mexico and South America has on deposit with me, for the sum of \$100,000, a sum sufficient to pay all expenses of the drawing, and that the amount of \$100,000 is deposited in my name.

Further, I hereby certify that I have distributed fifty-six percent of the value of all the tickets in prizes, a larger proportion than given by any other lottery.

All drawings under the personal supervision and management of Dr. Ramon Rodriguez Rivera, Interventor appointed by the government.

Particular care is taken to draw the numbers, to distribute them in such a manner that the drawings will be as uniform as possible.

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